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LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE ROLL OUT MEDICAL TRAUMA KITS TO HELP SAVE LIVES

(Louisville – July 8, 2013) Considering the threats faced by police officers today, it is no longer acceptable to report for duty only having attended a basic first aid class. Police officers must not only be prepared and equipped to deal with a life threatening injury to a citizen in our community, themselves and/or their partners, they must also be prepared to accept the responsibility of sustaining that emergency medical treatment until the casualty can be relinquished to a more definitive medical provider.

The Louisville Metro Police Department has just finished rolling out Medical Trauma Kits to all of its 1,287 officers. We hope the kit may save an officer's life, their partner's life or the life of someone in this community. The video below is intended to show officers how to use the new Medical Trauma Kit. The department has already seen immediate results of the success of these kits. On June 12th, First Division Officers were dispatched on a shots fired run in the area of 17th Street and Magazine Street. The officers were on scene within seconds and located three victims with gunshot wounds. On June 19th, Sixth Division Flex Detectives were nearby a serious vehicle accident and responded to assist. In both cases, officers successfully deployed a medical trauma kit which successfully assisted in saving the lives of the victims.

According to military data, major blood loss accounts for nearly two-thirds of preventable combat deaths. These kits have been used successfully around the country to save the lives of police officers who have been shot. When seconds count, these kits and officer's understanding of how to use them could mean the difference between life and death. The medical trauma kit is compact and contains the items essential for the treatment of many serious injuries encountered by law enforcement. You can view the **LMPD Medical Trauma Kit Training Video** at: <http://vp.telvue.com/player?id=T01343&video=152610>

Contents of the medical trauma kit include:

- SOF Tactical Tourniquet
- Olaes® modular bandage, consisting of:
 - Three (3) meters of sterile four (4) ply gauze
 - Plastic occlusive sheet included in dressing pocket
 - Transparent pressure cup that focuses pressure on the wound and acts as an eye cup for treatment of eye injuries
- One (1) pair of nitrile gloves
- Two (2) EZ-Gauze

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